

SENATE BILL 2630

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10,
Chapter 7, relative to public records

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(2)(A) and substituting instead the following:

(2)(A) All investigative records of the Tennessee bureau of investigation, the office of inspector general, all criminal investigative files of the department of agriculture and the department of environment and conservation, all criminal investigative files of the motor vehicle enforcement division of the department of safety relating to stolen vehicles or parts, all criminal investigative files and records of the Tennessee alcoholic beverage commission, and all files of the handgun carry permit and driver license issuance divisions of the department of safety relating to bogus handgun carry permits and bogus driver licenses issued to undercover law enforcement agents shall be treated as confidential and shall not be open to inspection by members of the public. The information contained in such records shall be disclosed to the public only in compliance with a subpoena or an order of a court of record; provided, however, that such investigative records of the Tennessee bureau of investigation shall be open to inspection by elected members of the general assembly if such inspection is directed by a duly adopted resolution passed by a majority of members to which each house is entitled or of a standing or joint committee of either house but only if the general assembly is not in session when the resolution is adopted. Records shall not be available to any member of the executive branch except to the governor and to those directly involved in the investigation in the specified agencies.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.